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1. FINAL BRIEFING LIESCENT⁰⁸ HELD NEW YORK 11 OCT PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE THAT NIGHT VIA IBERIA FOR MADR. WEIDE CONCURE FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT BY LUDWELL REPORTED REF B. LIESCENT⁰¹ EXPECTS STAY SPAIN FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS AND WILL LIVE AT HOTEL IMPERATRIZ. HE NOT GIVEN STA CONTACT BUT TOLD STA WOULD BE ADVISED HIS PLANS. LIESCENT⁰¹ UNDERSTANDABLY NERVOUS WHAT FACES HIM AFTER 25 YEAR ABSENCE AND KNOWING INTERIOR MINISTER ALONSO VEGA OPPOSED HIS ENTRY AND THAT MADR UNIV RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PROTEST LETTERS HIS RETURN.

D 2. LIESCENT⁰¹ SAID THAT HE WILL HAVE CANDID TALKS SPANISH POLITICAL SITUATION WITH INFORMATION MINISTER FRAGA WHO LIESCENT⁰¹ CLAIMS TOLD HIM THAT FRAGA AND GENERAL MIGUEL RODRIGO CONSTITUTE INTERNAL POWER CLIQUE. ALSO PLANS SPEND MUCH TIME WITH CLOSE FRIEND INDICE EDITOR FIGUEROA. LIESCENT⁰¹ CAUTIONED ON APPROACHES BY ALLEGED OPPOSITIONISTS & ESPECIALLY SOCIALISTS IN LIGHT OF ALONSO VEGA STAND ON ENTRY.

3. WILL POUCH FULL DETAILS MEETING.

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*BACKGROUND ON HEADQUARTERS PLANS TO SEE LIESCENT KNOWN SPANISH
EXILE PHARMACOLOGIST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR SPAIN AT INVITATION
SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY OF MADRID TO LECTURE ON HIS
SPECIALIZATION CARDIAC GLYCOSIDES.

**RESULTS OF LUDWELL TALKS WITH LIESCENT IN MEXICO CITY.

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